A very true report of the apprehenſion and taking of that Arche Papiſt *Edmond Campion* the Pope his right *hand, with three other lewd Ieſuite prieſts,* and diuers other Laie people, moſt ſeditious perſons of like ſort.

Conteining alſo a controulment of a *moſt vntrue former booke ſet out by one A. M.* aliâs *Anthonie Munday*, concerning the ſame, as is to be proued and iuſtified by George Ellyot one of the ordinary yeomen of her Maieſties Chamber.

Authour of this booke, and chiefeſt cauſe of the finding of the ſayd lewde *and ſeditious people, great enimies to* God, their louing Prince and Countrie.

Veritas non quærit angulos.

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¶ To the Christian reader, George Elliot wisheth all due reuerence.

SOme experience (Christiã Reader) that I haue gathered by keeping cõpany with suche seditious people as *Campion* and his associates are, partly moueth me to write this booke, and partly I am vrged therevnto (although my wisedome and skill bee very slender to set downe and penne matter of lesse moment then this) for that I beyng one of the two in commission at that time, from her highnesse most honorable priuie counsell for the apprehending of the sayd seditious *Campion*, and such like, and the chiefest cause of the finding out of the sayde lewde people, as hereafter more at large appeareth: do thinke it a greate abuse, that the most parte of her Maiesties louing subiectes, shalbe seduced to beleeue an vntrueth, and my selfe, and hee which was in commission with me, whose name is Dauid Ienkins, one of the messen-

gers of her Maiesties Chamber, very vilely slaundered with a Booke set out by one *Anthony Munday*, concerning the apprehension of the sayd lewde people, which for the trueth thereof, is almost as farre differét from trueth, as darknes from light, and as contrary to trueth, as an egge is contrary in likenes to an oyster.

And therefore, considering, I am able to report a troth for the manner of the finding and taking of the saide seditious persons, (although fine skil be farre from me to paint it out) hoping the wise will beare with my want therein, and esteeme a true tale, bee it neuer so bluntly told, rather then a lye, be it neuer so finely handled: I haue imboldened my selfe to take this Treatise in hand wherein (God willing) I will describe nothing but truth as in brief by the sequele shal appeare. Which is this: That aboutes foure yeeres past, (the Diuell being a craftie Foxe, and chiefe Patrone doubtles of the Popes prelacie) hauing diuers and many Officers and inferiour substitutes to the Pope his chiefe Vicar, and inteding by them, to encrease the kingdome of this Antichrist. Dispersed his sayd officers in diuers places of this Realme,

where

where like vagrant persons, (refusing to liue within the lawful gouernment of their coũtrey) they lead a loose life, wandring & running hither and thither, from shire to shire, and countrey to countrey, with such store of Rõmish relikes, popish pelfe, trifles & trash, as were able to make any Christian hearte (that hath seene the tryall of such practises as I haue done) euẽ for sorrow to bleed, only thereby to drawe the Queenes Maiesties subiects their hearties and faithes both from God and her highnesse, as namely by deliuering vnto them Bulles from Rome, Pardons, Indulgences, Medalls, Agnus Dei, hallowed graines and beades, Crucifixes, painted pictures, & such other paltrie: euery part whereof they will not let to say to bee matters very necessary for saluation. By reason whereof (most louing Reader) I my selfe about that time by the space of one quarter of an yeere together, was deepely bewitched and drawn into their darknesse, as the blindest bayarde of them all. But at the last euen then, by Gods great goodnesse, mightie prouidence, and especiall grace, all their inchauntments, witchcraftes, sorceries, diuelishe deuises and practises we are so broken and vntyed in me

and the brightneſſe of Gods diuine Maieſtie ſhining ſo ſurely in my hearte and conſcience, that I perceiued all their doings to bee as they are in deede, only ſhewes without ſubſtance, manifeſt errours and deceitful iugling caſtes and none others. Notwithſtanding, I determined with my ſelf (for certain cauſes which I omit) to ſound the depth of their diueliſh drifts (if I might) & the rather therefore vſed and frequented their companies, whereby appeared vnto me not a few of their vngracious and villanous falſe harts fairhs, and diſloyall mindes, ſlaunderous wordes, and moſt vile treaſons, towardes my moſt excellent and noble myſtrys the Queenes maieſtie, and towardes diuers of her moſt honourable priuie conncell, in ſuch ſorte as many times did make mine eyes to guſh out with teares for very ſorrowe and feare to thinke of it. Wherefore lately I made my humble ſubmiſſion vnto the right honourable her Highneſſe priuie councell for my vnlawful liuing as aforeſaid: at whoſe handes I founde ſuch honourable dealing & by their meanes ſuch mercie from her Maieſtie, that I wiſhe with all my hearte all the papiſts which are ſubiects borne to her high

neſſe

neſſe to runne the ſame courſe that I haue doone, and then ſhoulde they eaſily ſee what difference there is betweene the good and mercifull dealing of our moſt gracious louing and naturall prince: & the great trecheries of that great enimie to our Countrie the Pope. For her highneſſe freely forgiueth offenders, but the Pope pardoneth for money: her graces handes are continually full of mercie, readie to deliuer enough freely to any that will deſire and deſerue it, and the Pope his great clutches and fiſtes, are readie to deliuer nothing but diueliſh deuiſes and paltrie ſtuffe of his owne making, to ſet Countrie and Countrie together by the eares, and yet for theſe hath hee money. Truly it is a moſt lamentable caſe, that euer any Chriſtian ſhould be ſeduced and drawne from the true worſhipping of God, and their dutie to their Prince and Countrie (as many are) by the Pope and his ſatanicall crewe. I beſeech God turne their heartes, and graunt vs all amendment, which can neither be too timely (if it were preſently) nor neuer too late, whenſoeuer it ſhall happen, vnleſſe wilfully they proceede in their dealings, which God forbid: for *humanum eſt errare, perſeuera-*

rebellionum.

Shortly after my ſubmiſſion and reconciliation as aforeſaide. It pleaſed my Lords of her Highneſse moſte honourable priuie councell to graunt the commiſsion that I before ſpake of, to my ſelfe, and to the ſaide Dauid Ienkins, for the apprehenſion of certaine lewde Ieſuite Prieſtes, and other ſeditious perſons of like ſort, whereſoeuer wee ſhoulde happen to finde them within Englande. Whereupon wee determined a certaine voyage, in which *Edmond Campion* the aforeſaide Ieſuite and others were by vs taken and brought to the Towre of London in manner as heereafter followeth.

The

The true maner of taking of Edmond Campion and his associates.

IT happened that after the receipt of our commission aforesaide, we consulted betweene our selues, what way were best to take first, for we were vtterly ignorant, where or in what place certainely to find out ỹ said *Campion*, or his compeeres. And our consultation was shortly determined, for the greatest part of our trauell and dealings in this seruice, did lie chiefly vpon mine owne determination, by reason of mine acquaintance and knowledge of diuers of like sect. It then presently came to my remembrance of certaine acquaintance whiche I once had with one *Thomas Cowper* a Cooke, who in November was two yeeres, serued by *Thomas Knapp* of Lion, where at that time I in like maner serued, and both of vs aboute the same moneth departed

the saide Maister *Rooper* his seruice, I into Essex, and the saide *Cowper* to Lyforde in Barkeshire, to one maister *Yates*, from whence within one halfe yeere after, I was aduertised in Essex that the saide Cooke was placed in seruice, and that the saide maister *Yates* was a very earnest Papist, & one that gaue great entertainement to any of that sect: which tale being tolde mee in Essex two yeeres before wee entred this iourney, by Gods great goodnesse came to my memory, but euen the day before wee set forth. Heereof I enformed the saide Dauid Ienckins being my fellow in Commission, & tolde him it would bee our best way to go thyther first, for that it was not meant that wee should goe to any place, but where in deede I either had acquaintance, or by some meanes possible in our iourney, coulde get acquaintance, and tolde him wee woulde dispose of our iourney in such sort as wee might come to the saide maister *Yates* vpon the Sunday about eight of the clocke in the morning, where, saide I, if wee finde the saide Cooke, and that there

bée any Masse to bée saide there that day or any massing Priest in the house, the Cooke for olde acquaintance, & for that hée supposeth mée to bée a Papiste will bring mée to the sight thereof. And vpon this determination, wée set from London the xiiii. day of July last, and came to the saide Maister *Yates* house the xvi. of the same moneth being Sunday, about es the houre aforesaid, where without the gates of the same house we espied one of the seruants of the house, who most likely séemed by reason of his lying alose, to bée as it were a scout watcher, that they within might accomplishe their secrete matters more safely. I called the saide seruant, and inquired of him for the saide *Thomas Cowper* the Cooke, who answered that hée could not well tell, whether he were within or not. I prayed him that hee woulde friende mée so muche as to sée, and tolde him my name, the saide seruant did so (it séemed) for the Cooke came forth presently vnto vs, wher we sate still vpon Horsebacke, and after a fewe suche spéeches as betwéen friends

and friende when they haue beene long asunder, were passed, still sitting vppon our Horses, I tolde him that I had longed to see him, and that I was then trauelling into Darbieshere to see my friendes, and came so farre out of my way to see him, and said I, Now I haue seene you, my mind is well satisfied, and so fare you well. No, saith he, ỳ shal you not doe before dinner. I made ỳ matter very earnest to bee gone, & he more earnest & importune to stay mee. (But in truth I was as willing to stay as hee to haue me.) And so perforce there was no remedie, but stay wee must, and hauing lighted from Horseback, and being by him brought into the house, and so into the Buttery, and there caused to drink: presently after, the said Cooke came and whispered with mee, and asked whether my friende (meaning the said Jenckins) were within the Church or not, therein meaning whether he were a papist or no, to which I answered, he was not, but yet (saide I) hee is a verie honest man and one that wisheth well that way. Then saide the Cooke to mee will you goe vp, by which speeche, I knewe hee woulde

bring mée to a Masse, and I answered him, and saide, yea for Gods sake, that let mée doe, for seeing I must needes tarry, let mée take some thing with mée, that is good. And so wée left Jenckins in the Buttery, and I was brought by the Cooke through the hall, the dinening Parlour, and two or three other odde roomes, and then into a faire large chamber, where there was at ỹ same instant one Priest called *Satwell* saying Masse, two other Priestes kneeling by, whereof one was *Campion*, and the other called *Peters alias Collington*, three Nunnes, and xxvii other people. When *Satwell* had finished his Masse, then *Campion* hée inuested himselfe to say Masse, and so hée did, and at the ende thereof, made holy breade and deliuered it to the people there, to euery one some, together with holy water, whereof hée gaue to mée parte also. And then was there a chayre set in the chamber some thing beneath the Aulter, wherein the saide *Campion* did sit downe, and there made a Sermon very nigh an houre long, the effect of his text being as I remember,

Some men blame me for dissembling the matter as I did but to doe my Prince & countrie seruice, I hold it lawfull to vse any reasonable pollicie. For the field is not alwayes woone by strength.

That Christe wept ouer Ierusalem, &c.

I had once my commission in my hād to haue dealt with them my self alone in the chamber. If I had, I pray you iudge what had happened vnto mee.

And so applied the same to this our Countrie of England, for that the Pope his authoritie and doctrine did not so flourishe heere as the saide *Campion* desired. At the ende of which Sermon I gat downe vnto the saide Jenckins so soone as I coulde. (For during the time that the masses & Sermon was made, Jenckins remained still beneath in the Butterie or Hall, not knowing of any such matter, vntill I gaue him some intelligence what I had seene) and so wee departed with as conuenient expedition as we might, and came to one Maister *Fettiplace* a Justice of peace in the saide Countrie, whome we made priuie of our doings therein, and required him, that according to the tenour of our commission, hee woulde take sufficient power, and goe with vs thither. Whereupon the saide Justice of peace, within one quarter of an houre put himselfe in a readinesse with fortie or fiftie men very well weaponed, who went in great hast together, with the saide Maister *Fettyplace* and vs to the saide M. *Pates*

his

his house. Where at our comming vpon the sodeine, being aboutes one of the clocke in the afternoone of the same day, before wée knocked at the gates (which was then) as before it was continually accustomed to bée fast shut, the house being moted rounde about, within which Mote was great store of fruite trées and other trées, with thicke hedge rowes, so that the danger for feare of losing of the saide *Campion* and his associates was the more doubted). Wée beset the house with our men rounde about without the Mote in the best sorte wée coulde deuise, and then knocked at the gates, and were presently heard and espied, but kept out by the space of halfe an houre (In which time as it seemeth, they had hidden *Campion*, and the other two priests in a very secrete place within the saide house, and had made reasonable purueiance for him as hereafter is mentioned) and then they let vs into the house, where came presently to our sightes mystrys *Yates*, the goodwife of the house, fiue Gentlemen, one Gentlewoman, & three Nunnes, (the Nunnes

One Nunne got away in country maides apparrell.

being then disguised in Gentlewomans apparrell not like vnto that they hearde Masse in) All which I well remembred to haue séene the same morning at the Masses and Sermõ aforesaid, yet euery one of thẽ a great while denied it, & especially the said Mystrys *Yates*, who could not be content only to make a plaine deniall of the said Masses, and the priests, but with great and horrible othes forsware the same, betaking herselfe to the Diuell if any such were there, in suche sorte, as if I had not séene them with mine owne eyes, I shoulde haue beléeued her. But knowing certenly that these were but bare excuses, and that we shoulde finde the saide *Campion* and his compeeres if wée made narrowe search, I eftsoones put Maister *Fettyplace* in remembrance of our Commission, and so hée, my selfe, and the saide Jenckins her Maiesties messenger, went to searching the house where wée founde many secrete corners, continuing the search (although with no small toyle) in the Orchardes, hedges, and ditches, within the Mote and diuers other places, & at the

Mystris *Yates* proffered vs a good some [illegible] money to haue giuen ouer our search.

Maister *Yates* was then as he is still in prison in *Reading* for papistrie.

last

last founde out Maister *Edward Yates*, brother to the goodman of the house, and two Countriemen called *Weblin* and *Mansfielde*, fast locked togeather in a pidgeon house, but wee coulde not finde at that time *Campion* and the other two Priestes, whome wee specially soughte for. It drewe then something towards euening, and doubting least wee were not strong enough, wee sent our Commission to one maister *Foster* high sheiriffe of Barkeshiere, and to one maister *Wiseman* a Justice of peace within the same Countie, for some further ayde at their handes. The saide maister *Wiseman* came with very good speed vnto vs the same euening with ten or twelue of his owne men, very able men and well appointed. But the saide maister *Foster* coulde not bee founde as the messenger that went for him returned vs answers. And so the saide house was beset the same night with (at the leaste) threescore men well weaponed, who watched the same very diligently. And the next day being Sunday, in the morning very early, came one Maister

Christopher Lydcot a Justice of Peace of the same sheire, with a great sort of his owne men all very well appointed, who togeather with his m n, shewed suche earnest, loyall, and forwarde service in those affaires, as was no small comfort and encouragement to all those, which were present, and did beare true hearts and good willes to her Maiestie. The same morning began a freshe search for the saide Priests, which continued with very great labour, vntill aboute ten of the clocke in the forenoone of the same day, but the saide Priestes could not bee founde, and euery man almost perswaded that they were not there. Yet still searching (although in effect cleane void of any hope for finding of them) the said Dauid Jenckins by Gods great goodnesse, espied a certaine secrete place, which hee quickly founde to bee hollow, and with a pinne of yron which hee had in his hande, much like vnto an harrow pine, hee forthwith did breake a hole into the saide place, where then presently hee perceiued the saide Priests, lying all close togeather vpon a bed, of purpose

Maister *Lydcot* was then hard by.

there

there laide for them, where they had breade, meate, and drinke, sufficient to haue relieued them, three or foure dayes togeather. The saide Jenckins then called very lowdly, and saide, I haue founde the Traitours, and presently companie enough was with him, who there sawe the saide Priests, (when there was no remedie for them, but *nolens volens*) courteously yelde themselues. Shortly after came one maister Reade an other Justice of peace of the saide sheire to bee assistaunt in these affayres. Of all which matters newes was immediately carried in great haste to the Lordes of the Priuie Councell, who gaue further Commission, that the saide Priestes and certaine other their associates, shoulde bee brought to the Court vnder the conduction of my selfe and the saide Jenckins, with commandement to the sheirife to deliuer vs sufficient ayde forth of his sheire, for the safe bringing vp of the saide people. After that the rumor and noyse for the finding out of the saide *Campion, Satwell & Peters alias Collington*, was in the saide

First my selfe rode poste to the court.
And after me the said messenger.

house some thing assuaged, and that the sight of them was to the people ther no great noueltie. Then was the said high sheirife sent for once again, who all that while had not been seene in this seruice, and but then came and receiued into his charge the saide Priestes & certains others from that day vntill Thursday following. The fourth Priest whiche was by vs brought vp to the Tower, whose name is William *Fylbye* was not taken with the saide *Campion* & the rest in the saide house, but was apprehended & taken in our watch by chaunce in comming to the saide house to speake with the saide *Peters* as hee saide, and thereupon deliuered likewise in charge to the sheirife with the rest. Vppon Thursday the xi. day of July last, wee set forwardes from the saide Maister *Yates* his house towards the court, with our saide charge, being assisted by the saide Maister *Lydcot* and Maister *Wiseman*, and a great sort of their men, who neuer left vs vntill wee came to the Tower of London. There were besides that guarded vs thither fiftie or three score

Anthonie Munday saith, the sherife and his men gaue him instructions for the setting out of the said vntrue booke.

ſcore Horſemen, very able men and well appointed, which wee receiued by the ſaide Sheriffe his appointment. Wee went that day to Henly vpon Thames, where wee lodged ỹ night, & about midnight wee were put into great feare by reaſon of a very great crie and noyſe that the ſaide *Fylbye* made in his ſleepe, which wakened the moſte that were that night in the houſe, and that in ſuch ſorte that euery man almoſt, thought ỹ ſome of the priſoners had beene broken from vs and eſcaped, although there was in and about the ſame houſe a very ſtrong watch appointed and charged for ỹ ſame. The foreſaid Maiſter *Lydcot* was the firſt that came vnto them, and whē the matter was examined, it was founde no more, but that the ſaide *Fylbye* was in a dreame, and as hee ſaide, he verily thought one to be a ripping downe his bodie, and taking out his bowels.

The next day being Friday, wee ſet forwarde from Henly, and by the way receiued commaundement by a purſeuaunt from the Lordes of the priuie Councell, that wee ſhoulde ſtay that

night at Colbrooke, and the next day after being Saterday to bring them through the Citie of London vnto the Towre, and there to deliuer them vnto the charge of sir Owin Hopton Knight, her Maiesties Leyuetenant of the same, which accordingly wee did. And this in effect is the true discourse that was vsed in the apprehension of the sayde *Campion* and his associates.

Some men may maruaile that I woulde bee silent so long for the setting out of the manner of their takinges, considering I finde my selfe agreeued withthe same vntrue reporte set out before by the saide *A. M.* In good faith I meante nothing lesse, then to take any suche matter in hande, if so great an vntruth had not been published against vs, that were doers in those affayres, and besides hytherto diuers other waightier busines haue partly hindered mée therein.

But now at the last, although very late, I haue rudely set downe the verie

tie in this matter, thinking it better to tell a true tale by leasure, then a lye in hasbe, as the sayde *A. M.* by his former booke hath done to his owne discredite, the deluding of her Maiesties liege people, and the slander of some which haue intermedled in the saide cause.

The

¶ *The names of those that* were taken and brought vp to *the Tower of London as afore-* saide.

1 Edmond Campion } Iesuite and Priest.

2 Thomas Satwell.
3 Iohn Peters alias Collingtó } Priestes.
4 William Fylbye.

5 Edwarde Yates.
6 Edward Keynes,
7 Humfrey Keynes. } Gentlemen.
8 Iohn Cotton,
9 William Illey.
10 Iohn Iacob.

11 Iohn Mannsfielde. } Husbandmen and
12 William Weblyn, } neighbors therby.

Since

Since the committing of the persons before named to the Tower as aforesaide, there hath bene for my seruice done in those and such like affayres, no small nor fewe bragges, threatninges, curses & euill wishes giuen out against mee by such as (if they were knowne) deserue both little libertie and small fauour. Some of my friendes haue doubted least that sorte of lewde people woulde doe their good willes to hurte mee, by some secrete deuise, as coniuration, witchcraft, or such like, the whiche I rather thinke to bee true, for that shortly after the foresaide businesse ended, it pleased GOD to visite mee with some sicknes after I was gone to bed at night which in deede for two or three houres handeled mee something hardly. But God I take to witnesse I neuer was of that opinion, that it came to mee by any other meanes, but onely by ryding post two or three iournies about the busines aforesaide, yet within one day or two after my sicknes, there came to a neighbours house where I lodged in Southwarke one Hystrys *Beyfanne* a widow,

Campion when he first saw mee after his apprehension, said vn to me, that my seruice done in the taking of him would bee vnfortunate to me. And in our iourney towardes the Tower, hee aduised me to get me out of England for the safetie of my body.

whose abode is most about Saint Mary Oueries, and at the least by reports smelleth of Papistrie, & asked the good wife of the house for mée, and what shée had lately heard of mée, shée answered shée knew mée not, nor nothing shée had heard of mée. Then saide mystris *Beysaunt*, the very truth is, it is hée that tooke *Campion* and the rest of the company that are in the Tower, and was the cause that maister Roper and diuers other good men are troubled, and the laste day (saith shée) hée did fall madde in the stréete, and was carried so into his lodging, and is not like to escape with life. I pray you inquire further of him, and let mée haue knowledge thereof. So that héereby I may plainely sée, that the Papistes take greate care for mée, but whether it be for my weale or woe, and what her meaning was let the worlde iudge. But let the Diuell, the Pope, and them doe what they can, my faith standeth so sure on Christ Iesu my sauiour, that through him I deste them all.

It seemeth she was priuie to some secrete practise against mee.

There hath béene great murmuring and

and grudging againſt mée, about the committing of the foreſaid maiſter Thomas Roper, and many faults haue béen found for the ſame. What I did therin I meane not héere to recite, but my dealinges in thoſe cauſes are knowne to ſuch as before whome I thinke the fault finders dare not ſhew their faces. But whatſoeuer I did againſt him I would haue doone againſt mine owne Father, the caſe ſtanding as it did, yet ſuch finde faultes to make the matter ſéeme more odious to the world againſt mée, doe not ſticke to report and ſay that the ſaide maiſter Roper hath brought mée vp from my childehood, to this day, at his onely charges, which is is ſo falſe as God is true. For although I was his ſeruaunt, I continued with him in all, not paſt one yéere.

But to conclude, a great number of ſuche like vntruthes haue béene publyſhed againſt mée, and no fewe bolde bragges as reports goeth. I coulde name ſome if I woulde, but I let them paſſe, vnleſſe I bée commaunded to the

contrary by suche as haue authoritie to deale with mée therein. God graunte them amendmẽt (I meane not towards my selfe) or els make their doinges knowne in suche sort as they may haue their deseruings, or at leaste bée put to the mercie of her Maiestie, to whose highnesse Iesus sende long life, a prosperous raigne, with all ioy and felicitie. Amen.

George Elliot.

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